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EAC Chairman to Address Regional Meeting of Election Officials

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission Chairman DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. will address a special joint meeting of the Western Interstate Regional Conference of the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Clerks (NACRC) and National Association of Counties (NACO) on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 3:00 PM. The conference takes place in Ogden, Utah.

The speech will focus on steps being taken by the EAC to provide assistance to local and State election officials to prepare for the November presidential election. This appearance by Chairman Soaries is the second in a series of speeches intended to insure that the problems of November 2000 are not repeated.

The Chairman's visit follows the Commission's first public hearing on electronic voting and a series of primary election visits by Commissioners to States that have made substantial changes to their voting equipment in preparation for the 2004 presidential election. The EAC is currently preparing to release a set of "Best Practices" for use by election officials as they prepare for the upcoming election.

The speech takes place at the Ogden Marriott at 247 24th Street in the Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Ball Room 2.

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*The U.S. Election Assistance Commission was created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The Commission is charged with administering voluntary guidelines for election requirements under HAVA, maintaining a clearinghouse of information regarding election administration procedures including testing and certification of election equipment, and administering the Election Assistance and Help America Vote Programs.